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(U) California

(U) Riverside – Former Virginia Trooper Kills Family of Teen he Catfished

(U) A Virginia law enforcement employee was killed in a shootout with deputies in California after he allegedly killed the mother and grandparents of a teenage girl he had catfished online, police said Sunday. Austin Lee Edwards, a former trooper with the Virginia State Police who was working for the Washington County Sheriff's Office, was accused of driving off with the girl after the killings in the Southern California city of Riverside on Friday, police said. It wasn't clear if Edwards, 28, was a sworn officer when he allegedly killed 69-year-old Mark Winek; his wife, 65-year-old Sharie Winek; and their daughter, 38-year-old Brooke Winek. In a statement, Sheriff Blake Andis said Edwards was hired earlier this month and was in the process of being assigned to the patrol division. Edwards resigned from Virginia State Police on October 28, a spokesperson for the agency said.

SOURCE: 28 November 2022, [NBC News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Arrest Sparks Violence in Mexico Border City

(U) Nuevo Laredo – Gunfire broke out early yesterday, prompting the cancellation of classes and an advisory from the US Consulate to shelter in place. President Andrés Manuel López Obrador said the shootings came in response to the arrest of a cartel leader but did not elaborate. The city has long been dominated by the Northeast cartel, an offshoot of the old Zetas gang. A military officer said the suspect was identified the detainee as Heriberto Rodríguez Hernández, a leader of the Northeast cartel's infamous "Troops of Hell" squad of killers. That squad acts as an enforcement arm of the cartel and has often tangled with law enforcement and military forces.

SOURCE: 28 November 2022, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Texas – CBP Officers Stop Thanksgiving Day Fentanyl and Methamphetamine Smuggling Attempt

(U) El Paso – US Customs and Border Protection officers intercepted 26 pounds of methamphetamine and three pounds of fentanyl in a single failed smuggling attempt. The interception occurred when CBP officers encountered a 43-year-old female Mexican citizen who arrived from Mexico via the vehicle lanes. A CBP officer conducting primary inspections referred the woman for a secondary inspection of the vehicle. During the inspection, a CBP drug-sniffing dog alerted to the vehicle and an X-ray examination identified several anomalies. A thorough search by CBP officers resulted in the discovery of methamphetamine and of multi-colored fentanyl pills concealed within the vehicle.

SOURCE: 28 November 2022, [CBP Press Release](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Georgia – Man Arrested After Making Terroristic Threats to LGBTQ+ Bars

(U) Atlanta – A man was arrested after police said he threatened multiple LGBTQ+ bars in Atlanta. Last week officers were called to The Heretic in reference to threatening messages. When officers got there, employees told them they spotted threatening remarks made towards their establishment on social

media. Police said on the following day officers responded to Felix's in reference to terroristic threats. Employees and patrons told officers that the person identified as Chase Staubs entered the premises and was asked to leave once identified. According to police, the person appeared to be the same individual involved in making bias terroristic threats towards The Heretic and also on social media.

SOURCE: 28 November 2022, [WFAN](#)

(U) Puerto Rico – Authorities Investigates Alleged Threats Against Power System

(U) San Juan – Colonel Antonio Lopez Figueroa, the commissioner of the Puerto Rican Police, briefed that an alleged threat received through the New York 911 emergency system is under investigation. The police chief informed that since that moment a security plan was established, which includes surveillance of the different facilities of Puerto Rico's electrical network, owned by the state-owned Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA), although controlled by the LUMA Energy private consortium. The Office of Homeland Security Investigations and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are leading the investigation.

SOURCE: 28 November 2022, [Prensa Latina](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Netherlands – Police Take Down Cocaine Super Cartel and Seize 33 Tons of Drugs

(U) The Hague – Police in six countries have teamed up to take down a super cartel said to be controlling a third of Europe's cocaine trade, leading to dozens of arrests and large-scale drug seizures. Europol said 49 suspects have been cuffed during "Operation Desert Light," with the latest series of raids across Europe and the United Arab Emirates taking place between 8 and 19 November. Over 33 tons of drugs were confiscated in Spain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and the UAE with the support of Europol.

SOURCE: 28 November 2022, [NY Post](#)

(U) Somalia – Villa Rays Hotel Siege Ends Leaving Eight Civilians Dead

(U) Mogadishu – Somali forces have ended a more than 20-hour battle to regain control of a hotel seized by militants. At least 14 people were killed, including eight civilians, during the siege. Militants from the al-Shabaab group, which said it was behind the attack, had been holed up in one of the rooms in the Villa Rays hotel. Witnesses report they heard explosions and gunshots at the hotel. Somali police have said that 60 people were rescued from the hotel.

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